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Subject: Activities of Guatemalan Communists

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1. ~~It is reported that~~ The Guatemalan Government is aware in general terms of the activities of the opposition. However, there are indications that attacks and sabotage efforts are expected from all quarters, and not only from ^{members of the} opposition elements but from Communists as well. Key Army posts are stated to be occupied by officers in the confidence of the directors of the Partido Guatemalteco de Trabajo (PGT). ~~No trust is placed in the Indian population by the PGT. The Party relies for its principal support upon a group of Army officers and on the labor unions.~~
2. Of the ^{various} ~~various~~ organizations contributing intelligence to the government, the least important is the Guardia Civil. The police agents are poorly paid, and on the whole they receive little support from government authorities. ^{several} ~~In various~~ areas of the country, police have been attacked by Communists, and it ^{has} ~~is~~ stated that several agents have ^{been} ~~been~~ killed or severely beaten in this manner.
3. The Central Committee of the PGT is extremely worried about the current wave of withdrawals from the Party ranks. During two weeks early in May 1954 there were a total of 247 resignations, and in the same period only 58 new members were added. Committee secretaries, as well as ordinary members, are resigning. The Central Committee has therefore resolved to name an exhortation brigade, composed of able Party members and girls. These groups are to tour the country speaking to labor unions and other organizations and telling Party affiliates that they will receive more benefits from the Party and the government than have been obtained in the past.

*FIELD COMMENT: This information was obtained prior to the recent discoveries of opposition plans by the government.

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